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## **Army Corps bans kite tubing at Blue Marsh Lake**

Philadelphia (Aug. 16 , 2006): The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District, announced a ban today on kite tubing at Blue Marsh Lake. This ban is in accord with actions taken at other Corps lakes around the nation and recreation areas managed by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Blue Marsh Lake is approximately 1150 acres in size, half of which is designated as a “no wake zone.” The lake becomes very congested from the effects of the currently approved recreational activities such as: water skiing, jet skiing, fishing, and other boating activities. Tube kiting is an extreme water sport that uses a large inflatable kite that has a solid fabric floor on which a person rides while being towed behind a boat. Since tube kiting requires a boat to travel at speeds between 25-35 mph before the rider is lifted airborne, it has been determined that allowing this activity in the congested environment at Blue Marsh Lake would present an unacceptable risk to public health and safety.